UPSTATE MEDICAL ALUMNI

Reunion

AWARDS PROGRAM

SEPTEMBER 19, 2014
Dear Alumni, family and friends,

It is indeed my pleasure to welcome you to the 139th celebration of the College of Medicine Alumni Reunion. This being my first reunion weekend with the Medical College, I am looking forward to spending time with you and your classmates. It will be a weekend filled with stories from the past and much reminiscing. Enjoy your time back on campus and know that our staff is here to serve you.

On behalf of the Medical College Alumni Foundation let me congratulate all of this year’s award recipients and thank the Nominating and Scholarship Committees for their hard work and dedication in making these selections. It is a challenging job because of the many exceptional candidates. The alumni and students whom we will acknowledge this evening are all very deserving of their awards, please join in helping them celebrate this success!

I am pleased to share with you that we will be awarding over $300,000 in scholarships, professorships and fellowships this weekend. It is because of our donors’ generosity that this is possible! In addition, the Alumni Foundation also provides thousands of dollars of support to our students through: white coats, textbooks, reference guides, the Career Advisory Network, our student reimbursement program for conferences and seminars, I-pads for anatomy labs and more. None of this would be possible without the philanthropy of our Alumni, parents and friends. Thank You!

As we celebrate the College of Medicine’s 139th Reunion, I am earnestly aware of the history that makes Upstate Medical University such a meaningful institution. It is this great community that we all represent—alumni, students and their parents, friends, faculty and staff who continue to be at the heart of your College of Medicine’s mission. It is truly my pleasure to play a role with this great group. I look forward to helping us grow over the coming years.

On behalf of our brilliant and very deserving students of the College of Medicine, thank you again for your loyal support of the Upstate Medical Alumni Foundation!

Paul E. Norcross
Executive Director, Medical Alumni Association

Reunion 2014
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

5:00 pm

Welcome
Paul E. Norcross, Executive Director, Medical Alumni Association
K. Bruce Simmons, MD ‘79, President, Medical Alumni Association
Gregory L. Eastwood, MD, Interim President, Upstate Medical University
David B. Duggan, MD ’79, Dean, College of Medicine, Upstate Medical University

Reunion Awards
K. Bruce Simmons, MD ’79, President, Medical Alumni Association

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD
Frederick R. Davey, MD, Class of 1964

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNUS AWARD
Nienke Dosa, MD, MPH, Class of 1994

HUMANITARIAN AWARD
Zaven S. Ayanian, MD, FACP, Class of 1959

LARGEST CLASS GIFT AWARD
Recipient: Class of 1984

HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF GIVING AWARD
Recipient: Class of 1984

HIGHEST REUNION ATTENDANCE AWARD
Recipient: Class of 1989

Scholarships/Awards Presentation
Paul E. Norcross, Executive Director, Medical Alumni Association
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6:00 pm

Wine and Hors d’oeuvres Reception
SETNOR ACADEMIC BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR, EASTWOOD ATRIUM
Frederick R. Davey, MD

Class of 1964

Frederick R. Davey, MD ’64, is professor emeritus of pathology at Upstate Medical University. At the time of his retirement in 2001, he was chairman and professor of the Department of Pathology, director of the Pathology Laboratories, and professor of internal medicine and microbiology. For most of the past decade, Dr. Davey has maintained his connection with SUNY Upstate Medical University through his activities on the board of the Syracuse Medical Alumni Association as an emeritus member.

Dr. Davey was born in Penn Yan, New York, in 1939. During childhood and adolescent years, he lived in Geneva, Ithaca, and Hastings-on-Hudson, New York. In 1957, he matriculated as a freshman at Syracuse University. At the time, an innovative Hunter’s program was in effect, majoring in zoology and successfully finishing the first year of medical school. As a result, Davey received his BA from Syracuse University in 1961 and an MD degree from Upstate in 1964. During the summer recess between the second and third years of medical school, he received a National Institute of Health Scholarship to work in the Department of Pathology with Robert F. Rohrer, MD.

Davey stayed at Upstate for his internship, then completed a residency in pathology at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston Children’s Hospital, and the Boston Women’s Hospital. In addition, he served as a research fellow at Harvard Medical College. In his final post-graduate year, he was a fellow in hematology with William Maloney, MD, director of hematology at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and an internationally known investigator of malignant hematologic disorders.

Between 1969 and 1977, Davey served in the United States Army Medical Corps as chief of clinical pathology at Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco, California. Following his term of service, he returned to Syracuse, joining the Upstate faculty as an assistant professor of pathology in the Division of Clinical Pathology under the leadership of Dr. John B. Henry and Dr. Douglas A. Nelson. He became full professor in 1979.

Davey’s research activities were focused in the fields of blood banking and hematology. During his Upstate tenure, he was fortunate to have investigative support from research assistants, graduate students, fellows and faculty members from several departments including internal medicine, pediatrics, microbiology and pathology. His earliest investigations were in collaboration with Charlene Hubble and Dr. John Henry regarding the association of human histocompatibility antigens with the incidence of several hematologic disorders. The late 1970s and early 1980s, Davey, along with Michael Morris, Douglas Halliday, MD ’79, and Dr. A.A. Marucci, used histochemical stains and immunoperoxidase labeled antibodies to phenotype lymphoid neoplasms. They demonstrated that the classification of lymphoid malignancies at that time was not only inadequate but, inaccurate. In the next several years, Dr. Davey, together with Dr. Nancy Dock and Jeffrey Wolos, used early cell separation techniques and autologous mixed lymphocyte cultures to examine the function of lymphocyte subpopulation in variety of lymphoid malignancies. Concurrently, Dr. Tice and Davey developed a method for analysis of in-vitro T-lymphocyte colony-forming cells. Anthony S. Kurec was for many years Davey’s indispensable research assistant and graduate student, maintaining the research laboratory while Davey enjoyed a sabbatical leave under the tutelage of Dr. David Y. Mason at the Ratcliffe Hospital in Oxford, England. Davey gained significant experience in the use of a panel of monoclonal antibodies in the immunophenotyping of normal and abnormal antigens in paraffin-embedded tissue sections. With the assistance of Kurec, this technology was brought to the Upstate Medical University and applied to the study of myeloid leukemias and myelodysplastic syndromes. These studies were among the first to demonstrate the utility of enzyme labeled antibodies in identifying antigens in paraffin-embedded tissue sections. Variations of these techniques are now routinely used in today’s histopathology laboratories.

During Davey’s 30-year tenure at Upstate, Dr. Douglas A. Nelson was instrumental in supporting research in the morphology and histochromy of hematologic malignancies. In addition, Dr. Arian Gottlieb provided an opportunity for Drs. Davey and Nelson to join the multi-institutional Cancer and Acute Leukemia B research group. In this setting, Drs. Davey and Nelson, together with the great assistance of Jane McCallum, reviewed the diagnoses of all the group’s cases of acute and chronic leukemias as well as myeloproliferative disorders using routine cytochemical techniques and histochemical stains performed at Upstate.

As a result of the combined effort with many colleagues, Davey contributed to 105 journal publications and 50 textbook chapters. In 1988, he was guest editor of a volume of Clinics in Laboratory Medicine entitled “Classification, Diagnosis and Molecular Biology of Lymphoproliferative Disorders” and in 1990, he served as guest editor for another issue entitled “Myeloproliferative Disorders.” Davey was also associate editor of the textbook Clinical Diagnosis and Management by Laboratory Methods. During his tenure, Davey held various positions within the Department of Pathology, the College of Medicine, and at University Hospital, including director of the Blood Bank from 1979 to 1989, director of clinical pathology from 1988 to 1995, director of the pathology residency program from 1997 to 1999 and president of the Pathology Medical Service Group.

Davey’s duties for the College of Medicine included overall responsibilities for the clinical, teaching, and research activities of the Department of Pathology. He served as chairman of the Faculty Organization and was Chairman of the Promotions Committee. He was a member of several panels and qualifying committees in the Graduate School at both the master’s and doctoral levels, and member of the Dean’s and President’s Executive Committees.

Dr. Davey’s activities at University Hospital and Clinical Systems included serving as vice dean for clinical affairs from 1995–96, chairman of the Governing Board, and chair of University Medical Associates at Syracuse for six years. Davey was also president of the Medical Board of University Hospital. In these positions, he played an important role in the strategic planning for the Upstate campus, focusing on initiatives at both the College of Medicine and University Hospital.

In addition, Davey demonstrated loyalty and support for his alma mater through his contributions to the University Foundation and Medical Alumni Association. He served as an active member on the Medical Alumni Association’s Board of Directors for more than 22 years, holding several leadership positions before serving as board president since 1984–1986. For many years, he organized his class reunion and raised funds as a Phonomathon volunteer. He is a member of the Association’s Loyalty Society, which recognizes those who have given more than $15,000 or have donated for 15 consecutive years. In 1996, Davey was elected to the SUNY Alumni Honor Roll.

For the Foundation, Davey chaired the successful endowment campaign to fund the $1.5 million David B. Jones/Robert F. Rohrer Chair in Experimental Pathology Hospital, Clinical, teaching, and research activities. The Department of Pathology was directed by Dr. John B. Henry Chair in Experimental Pathology.

Davey was active in a variety of national committees, serving as secretary, vice-president and president of the American Board of Pathology, chair of the Residency Review Committee in Pathology for the ACGME, and serving on the executive committee of the Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists. He was a member of the Council of Hematology for the American Society of Clinical Pathology, a Fellow of the College of American Pathologists, and an active member of the American Society of Hematology and American Association of Immunology.

In 1998, Davey received the Certificate of Appreciation from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education for his leadership as chair of the Residency Review Committee in Pathology. In 2000, he received the President’s Award for Excellence in Faculty Service, and the following year was made Life Trustee of the American Board of Pathology. In 2004, he received the President’s Award for Excellence in Philanthropic Service. After living in the greater Syracuse area for more than 40 years, Davey and his wife relocated to Pittsford, New York, to live closer to their oldest daughter, son-in-law, and four grandchildren. They have a second daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren in Cohasset, Massachusetts. During June through September, they enjoy life together in their summer home on Tuscarora Lake in Erieville, New York.

*BIO SUBMITTED BY DR. DAVEY
Nienke P. Dosa, MD '94, MPH, is a developmental pediatrician who joined the Upstate faculty in 2002. She currently holds the Upstate Foundation Professorship in Child Health Policy and is a Senior Fellow at Syracuse University’s Burton Blatt Institute. Dr. Dosa is a graduate of Yale University, the Upstate Medical University College of Medicine, and Upstate’s Pediatric Residency Program, where she was a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. She was the recipient of a National Research Service Award at the University of Rochester, where she obtained a Master of Public Health degree and completed fellowship training in neurodevelopmental disabilities. While at Rochester, Dosa received the Clausen Research Award to study the health care of children with developmental disabilities in neonatal and pediatric ICUs in the Netherlands. She is board certified in pediatrics and in neurodevelopmental disabilities.

Dosa’s clinical practice is the care of children and adolescents who have spina bifida, cerebral palsy, and vision impairment/blindness. Her academic work focuses on the development and evaluation of community-based models for developmental disability care, particularly as this relates to transition to adulthood and inclusive fitness. As medical director of the Spina Bifida Center of Central New York, she launched a group visit program that has received national recognition. She works closely with faculty in the Department of Adapted Physical Education at SUNY Cortland, Syracuse University’s School of Information Studies, and the Syracuse University School of Education. Via her affiliation with the Burton Blatt Institute, she also works with scholars in public policy and disability law.

Dosa is a member of the Professional Advisory Council of the Spina Bifida Association and leads the research reviews for that organization. She is also active in the American Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine. She was the recipient of that organization’s Transformative Care Award for work she is doing with the Department of Orthopedics at Columbia University to launch a lifespan care program at the Weinberg Cerebral Palsy Center in Manhattan. She is involved with multiple initiatives related to the transition from pediatric to adult health care. She is a member of the executive cabinet of the National Center for Health Care Transition and has published numerous scholarly articles and textbook chapters on lifespan care for individuals with developmental disabilities. She has also produced six instructional DVDs, a 10-part curriculum on healthcare transition for youth with developmental disabilities (www.HealthyTransitionsNY.org), and a series of guidebooks on inclusive fitness for high school students.

Dosa is interested in pipeline initiatives to bring students into the field of developmental disability care. Each summer she offers internships to local high school and college students. She launched “Parent Partners in Health Education,” a home visit program that introduced residents in pediatrics, family medicine, and psychiatry to systems of care for patients with developmental disabilities. Since 2006, she has directed the New York State Institute for Health Transition Training, and in 2010, she was appointed to the New York State Council for Graduate Medical Education.

Locally, Dosa is active with “Unique,” an annual art show by individuals with developmental disabilities that is organized by Arise Inc. at the Everson Museum. She helped bring the “Project Search” Supported Employment Program to University Hospital. With support from her Upstate Foundation Endowed Professorship, she has launched an annual “Fit-IN” conference to promote inclusive fitness in Central New York. She is involved with numerous adapted sports and health promotion programs for people with developmental disabilities and has received more than $1-million in grant support for various community-based initiatives since joining the Upstate faculty.

Dosa and her late husband, attorney Joseph Dosa (deceased 2012), have three daughters, Nadine (22), Jolene (19), and Martine (10), all active in the arts. The Dosa family lives in Syracuse.

*BIO SUBMITTED BY DR. DOSA*
HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Zaven S. Ayanian, MD, FACP
Class of 1959

The Upstate Medical Alumni Association honors Zaven S. Ayanian, MD ’59, for his volunteerism and commitment to providing health care for the underserved in his community as a volunteer physician at the Parker Family Health Center.

A native Syracusan, Dr. Ayanian earned his undergraduate degree at Syracuse University. Upon graduation, he joined the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean conflict and achieving the rank of Captain. With help from the GI Bill, he attended Upstate Medical University. After an internship and residency training in internal medicine at Robert Packer Hospital/Guthrie Clinic in Pennsylvania, he joined a multi-specialty practice in Matawan, New Jersey, where he practiced for 35 years. Early in his career, Ayanian became involved in the creation of a new acute care hospital needed in his community, and upon its opening, became the first medical staff president of the 225-bed Bayshore Community Hospital and chairman of its Department of Medicine.

Ayanian was the second physician-volunteer recruited for the clinic. He has been volunteering every other Wednesday during the evening clinic hours from 2-7 p.m. for the past 15 years, seeing more than 3,000 patients during that time, as well as providing support and advice to staff and volunteer colleagues. He has also been an active participant in the clinic’s program for third-year medical students from UMDNJ, the state’s university of health sciences. In addition, he is an excellent example and role model for community service, helping the clinic recruit new physician-volunteers to join him in treating community members who otherwise would have little or no health care access.

Ayanian’s focus at the clinic has been on patients with chronic disease, primarily heart disease, hypertension and diabetes, which are present in the patient population at very high rates, but also patients who are triaged when they present with acute problems, thus preventing emergency room visits and hospitalizations. His approach to chronic disease care is comprehensive. He works closely with the clinic’s dietitian, social worker and diabetes educator, seeking to educate patients about their condition and—indeed his words—facilitate their self-care. Many patients have complex conditions and significant co-morbidities and Ayanian is committed to improving patients’ health as well as reducing strains on the healthcare system by preventing hospitalizations that would be inevitable without proper care.

Uninsured patients come to the Parker Center from some 40 county towns. Many immigrant groups, including members of a Brazilian community in nearby Long Branch, are represented within the patient population, which is approximately 47 percent Latino. Many of the patients work in service jobs or for small businesses that cannot afford to offer health benefits and report very restricted family incomes—with almost all in the lowest category of $25,500 or less for a family of four.

These are people Ayanian can relate to from experience. The son of Armenian parents who escaped the Ottoman Turkish genocide, Ayanian grew up understanding that he had to work hard for what he wanted in life. Armenian was his first language; he learned English when his older brother started kindergarten and came home speaking it. Although he successfully worked his way through college and medical school, he never forgot his roots.

His heritage has made him an especially valuable and sensitive clinician in a clinic that serves a large percentage of recent immigrants. It also inspired his sponsorship of several young victims of the 1989 Armenian earthquake, whom he brought to New Jersey for treatment, which included multiple surgeries, amputations, and rehabilitation over a four-month period.

According to clinic director and coordinator Mary J. Nicosisa, RN, APN-C, Ayanian stands out among a highly skilled body of volunteers for both his commitment to serving patients and by his engagement as care provider, teacher, and a professional colleague.

In 2010, the Parker Center nominated Ayanian for the American Medical Association’s Jack B. McConnell, MD Award for Excellence in Volunteerism, an honor he received. In announcing the award, AMA Foundation president Richard Hovland praised Ayanian’s enduring presence with the Parker Family Health Center and his commitment to serving the working poor. “Dr. Ayanian is not only a compassionate physician,” said Hovland, “he is also a teacher, mentor and leader.”

While an Upstate Medical student, Ayanian met his wife, Lorraine Chesna, a nursing student at Syracuse University. The couple was married for 54 years before she passed away last November. They raised three children, each of whom pursued medical careers. The couple also established scholarship funds to help others enter medical fields—a scholarship supporting graduate nursing students at Syracuse University and another supporting medical students at Upstate Medical University.

“I’ve always enjoyed giving back in any way possible,” says Ayanian. “I seem to have an inborn desire to help anyone who is attempting to improve his or her lot in life.”

*Bio submitted by Dr. Ayanian*
Alumni Scholarships/Awards

The Medical Alumni Foundation provides numerous scholarships/awards, many of which are endowed and named by their donors. Criteria vary and may be based on merit, financial need or donor criteria.

Named Scholarships

A. Geno Andreatta Scholarship is awarded to a third or fourth-year medical student based on financial need and academic achievement.

2014 recipient: Ryan Van Nostrand
Benjamin N., Mollie P. and Gerson H. Aronovitz, MD ’57 Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a third-year medical student who demonstrates a need for financial assistance.

2014 recipients: Sarah Beth Evans and Kathryn McHugh

“My career was established in loving memory of Joseph C. Fischer, MD ’79. The scholarship is awarded to a third-year medical student who plans to pursue a surgical career and follow in the footsteps of Dr. Fischer.

2014 recipient: John Charitable

Sarah Loguen Fraser, MD, Class of 1876, Scholarship honors the first African-American female graduate of the College of Medicine. It is awarded to a medical student who exhibits financial need and holds similar ideals to Dr. Loguen-Fraser. Academic achievement is necessary as well as a commitment to serve the health needs of the African American community.

2014 recipient: Michael Enechukwu

Joseph J. Gadaba, MD ’12/’13 and Ann Gadaba Scholarship is awarded to a medical student in good academic standing who demonstrates excellent leadership skills.

2014 recipient: Nefertari Alisha Owens

Max Gara and Robert H. Gara, MD ’56 Scholarship is awarded to a third-year medical student who is in good academic standing with the intent to pursue a career in Pediatrics or Surgery.

2014 recipient: Sabine S. Khan

Suzan and Philip M. Gaynes, MD ’63 Scholarship is awarded to a third-year medical student who is in good academic standing and demonstrates financial need.

2014 recipient: Zoe Grabinski

“I grew up in a small, middle-class town in upstate New York which has fallen on bad times. There are few doctors there and those who do practice are overworked. Although I myself did leave the area, I feel an allegiance to upstate New York and want to do all I can to bring quality doctors back there. The scholarship is for medical students who wish to practice Family Medicine in rural upstate New York and is in honor of my parents who lived most of their lives there. It is my way of giving back to the community.”

—Robert Eitches, MD ’78

Robert Eitches, MD ’78 Scholarship in Honor of Shirley and Irving Eitches

The Ayanian Family Scholarship (endowed by Zaven S. Ayanian, MD ’59) is awarded to a second or third-year medical student in good academic standing who demonstrates a need for financial assistance.

2014 recipient: Robert Kribs

The Martin Black Family Scholarship (endowed by Drs. Martin, Gerald, Michael and Robert Black) is awarded to a third-year medical student who graduated from an Onondaga County high school and who intends to stay in Central New York.

2014 recipient: Devin R. Halleran

Bernard J. Burke, MD ’43 Scholarship is awarded to a third-year medical student who demonstrates a need for financial assistance, is in good academic standing and demonstrates financial need.

2014 recipient: Jeremy Di Bari

Leonard D. Carpenter, MD ’33 and Ruth E. Carpenter Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a third-year medical student from Central New York who demonstrates a need for financial assistance.

2014 recipient: Colm Kelleher

Edwin T. Dailey, MD ’68 Memorial Scholarship in Radiology is awarded to a second or third-year medical student who is in good academic standing, demonstrates financial need and has the intent to pursue a career in Radiology.

2014 recipient: Evan Kastner

The Dracker Family Scholarship is awarded to a third-year medical student who is in good academic standing with the intent to pursue a career in Pediatrics.

2014 recipients: Zoe Grabinski and Amy Reed DuFlo

Robert Eitches, MD ’78 Scholarship in Honor of Shirley and Irving Eitches is awarded to a third-year medical student interested in pursuing a career in Rural Medicine.

2014 recipient: Sarah Beth Evans

Alfred F. and Shirley D. Enwright Endowed Scholarship is awarded to a second-year medical student who is from New York State and intends to practice in New York State.

2014 recipient: Rachel Kopicki

“Following graduation in 1959 I was fully committed to a career in the practice of Internal Medicine. At that time I was free of any debt, a fact that allowed me the opportunity to complete a full residency and fellowship. I was in private practice for a brief two years before returning to academic medicine. Since then I have worked closely with medical students and residents. Their dedication and devotion to medical science and caring for the sick is as intense as ever. However students and trainees today, and in recent years past, struggle with the burden of significant debt. So my decision to establish a Scholarship Fund at my alma mater was an easy one. This will be the 15th year an award was offered. The award is granted to a student in need who intends to enter a career in Internal Medicine. Each year I receive a note from the recipient and am amazed at the accomplishments each student has already achieved in the sciences and humanitarian work. Their enthusiasm and achievements sustain my commitment to this endeavor.”

—Rudolph J. Napodano, MD ’59

Rudolph J. Napodano, MD ’59 Scholarship
Samuel Gersten, MD ‘39 and Martha Gersten Endowed Scholarships are awarded to third or fourth-year medical students who are in the top 10% of their class and exhibit financial need. 2014 recipients: Ryan Van Nostrand, Michael Christopher Harold Miller, Colm Kelleher and Robert Kribs

Jerome C. Goldstein, MD ‘63 and Rochelle Goldstein Scholarship is awarded to a third-year medical student who is in good academic standing, demonstrates financial need and intends to pursue a career in Otolaryngology. 2014 recipient: Tammer Chaly

Frances A. Harmatuk, MD ‘41 Geriatric Scholarship is awarded annually to a third-year medical student who is in good academic standing, demonstrates financial need and intends to pursue a career in Geriatrics. 2014 recipient: Kelly Cummings

Grant Hobika, MD ‘52 Scholarship was established in loving memory of Dr. Hobika, who will be forever remembered for his patient care and his passion for medicine. This scholarship is awarded annually to a first or second-year medical student who actively combines creative arts, such as music, drama, painting, drawing, photography, etc., with the practice of medicine. 2014 recipient: Tommy Fu

Robert V.P. Hutter, MD ‘54 and Ruth L. Hutter Scholarship is awarded annually to a second-year medical student who excels academically in Pathology class. 2014 recipient: Ellie Garbade

E. Gregory Keating, PhD Memorial Scholarship was established to honor the memory of Dr. Keating who was dean of Student Affairs. This scholarship is awarded to a student from any of the four colleges who exemplifies the character of Dr. Keating. 2014 recipient: Michael Roberts, College of Health Professions

Martha S. Kincaid, MD Scholarship is awarded to a first, second or third-year medical student in good academic standing who exhibits a need for financial aid and is interested in pursuing Primary Care. 2014 recipient: Jeremy Di Bari

Sonya A. LaBella Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a second-year medical student who has overcome a personal challenge that contributed to their desire to become a physician. 2014 recipient: Benjamin Onderdonk

Stanley D. Leslie, MD ‘51 Memorial Scholarship was established in loving memory of Stanley D. Leslie, MD ‘51. Dr. Leslie, past president of the Alumni Association was instrumental in its success for decades. The scholarship is awarded to a third-year medical student who is in good academic standing with the intent to pursue a career in Obstetrics and Gynecology. 2014 recipient: Nicole Thompson

The Lynch Family Scholarship is awarded to a third-year medical student who is in good academic standing and intends to pursue a career in Family Medicine. 2014 recipient: Ellie Garbade

Alphonse A. Maffeo, MD ‘72 Scholarship is awarded to an incoming medical student with financial need. 2014 recipient: Fremlin Akwaal Dekyi

B. Dale Magee, MD ‘75 Scholarship is awarded to an incoming medical student who is the first generation in their family to attend college and who exhibits financial need. 2014 recipient: Corey Vasisko

Patrick T. Mathews, MD ‘03 Memorial Scholarship was established in loving memory of Dr. Mathews who passed away in February of 2006 at the young age of 29. The scholarship is awarded to a third-year medical student who shares the qualities embodied by Dr. Mathews: faith, compassion and above all, a zest for medicine and for life — students who improve the lives of their classmates merely by their presence. 2014 recipient: Thomas Franzon

James L. McGraw, MD ‘41 Scholarship is awarded to a third-year medical student who is in good academic standing, demonstrates financial need and intends to pursue a career in Ophthalmology. 2014 recipient: Sabine S. Khan

Gustave P. Milkey, MD ‘43 and Janet B. Milkey Merit Scholarship was established in loving memory of Dr. Gustave Milkey. Dr. Milkey, known for his leadership, integrity, excellence and responsibility, would be proud to award this Merit based Scholarship. The scholarship makes possible tuition assistance for a second-year medical student who is in the top half of his/her class. 2014 recipient: Erika Steinbrenner

Peggy and Adolph Morlang, MD ‘66 Scholarship is awarded to a second or third-year medical student who is in good academic standing and who plans to work or study abroad. 2014 recipient: Adeseye Adekeye

The Ayanian Scholarship has been the best way for me to share my wealth while expressing the depth of my appreciation for what I received throughout the rest of my life. It also gives me an opportunity to extend the legacy of my life through the lives of the students I help, as they go on to make some wonderful contributions to mankind as the physicians of the future.”  
  
—Zaven S. Ayanian, MD, FACP ‘59  
The Ayanian Family Scholarship

Rudolph J. Napodano, MD ‘59 Scholarship is awarded to a third-year medical student who is in good academic standing, demonstrates financial need and has the intent to pursue a career in Medicine. 2014 recipient: Mary Ngaleu Nkamany

Onondaga County Medical Society (OCMS) Medical Student Scholarship is awarded to incoming medical students who graduated from an Onondaga County high school and have a desire to pursue a career practicing medicine in Onondaga County. 2014 recipients: Adwoa Boahene and Melissa Gadsden

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—Zaven S. Ayanian, MD, FACP ‘59  
The Ayanian Family Scholarship
Betty Reiss, MD ’68 and Jacob Reiss, MD ’68 Family Endowed Scholarship is awarded to a third-year medical student who is in good academic standing, intends to pursue Pediatrics or a Pediatric sub-specialty and who demonstrates financial need. 

2014 recipient: Krista Tookhan

Esther and Monroe Richman, MD ’55 Scholarship is awarded to a first, second or third-year medical student who exhibits financial need and is married with child.

2014 recipient: Lambert Lewis

The Samuel G. Rosenthal, MD ’64 Scholarship is awarded to a third-year medical student who exhibits strong moral and ethical character.

2014 recipient: Jasmin Sahbaz

Sanders/Kilkelly Scholarship is awarded to a first, second or third-year medical student who is in good academic standing and who demonstrates financial need.

2014 recipient: Hansitta Uche

The Schein Family Scholarship is awarded to a first, second or third-year medical student who demonstrates a need for financial assistance.

2014 recipient: Catherine White

Jack J. Schneider, MD ’66 Scholarship is awarded to a third-year medical student who is in good academic standing and demonstrates financial need. An interest in Radiation Oncology is encouraged.

2014 recipient: Matthew Chiarello

Julius Schwartz, MD ’33 Scholarship was established in loving memory of Dr. Schwartz. This scholarship is awarded to a medical student currently in his or her third-year who demonstrates a need for financial assistance and intends to pursue a career in Cardiology.

2014 recipients: Thomas Franzon and Jasmin Sahbaz

John B. and Henrietta E. Simeone Scholarship in Memory of Florindo A. Simeone, MD is awarded to a fourth-year medical student with the intent to pursue Surgery. The student will demonstrate academic excellence and compassion, and exhibit a need for financial assistance.

2014 recipient: Sarah Lander

Frederick W. Sloan, MD ’74 Scholarship is awarded to a first-year medical student who is in good academic standing.

2014 recipient: Nathan Jones

Susan B. Stearns, PhD Scholarship for Community Engagement is awarded to second-year medical students who have distinguished themselves as leaders and volunteers while at Upstate.

2014 recipients: Nicole Cifra and Cheryl DuMond-Martinez

“...demonstrates passion for principle, homage to honor, and imbued with integrity. For the noble soul has reverence for itself.” This award is not dependent on academic success!”

—Samuel G. Rosenthal, MD ’64

Medical Alumni Foundation Founders Scholarship is awarded to a first, second or third-year student in good academic standing who has exhibited leadership qualities while in medical school and who has potential for further involvement with Upstate Medical University upon graduation.

2014 recipient: Devin R. Halleran

Barbara and Harold H. Wanamaker, MD ’56 Scholarship is awarded to a second-year medical student in good standing. The student should have a desire to practice medicine in the Central New York Region.

2014 recipient: Jessica Christiano

Andrew D. Weinberg, MD ’78 Memorial Geriatric Scholarship is awarded to a second or third-year medical student in good academic standing, who demonstrates financial need and who intends to pursue a career in Geriatrics.

2014 recipient: Kelly Cummings

Herbert M. Weinman, MD ’65 and Suzy Weinman Scholarship Award is awarded to a third-year medical student who intends to pursue a career in Family Practice.

2014 recipient: Alexandra Aarons

Susan and Jack Yoffa, MD ’69 in Memory of Elaine Yoffa Hornung Scholarship is awarded to a third-year medical student who is in good academic standing, demonstrates financial need and who intends to pursue a career in Obstetrics & Gynecology.

2014 recipient: Rachelle St. Ongé

Leanne and Frank E. Young, MD ’56 Scholarship is awarded to second or third-year medical students in good academic standing, who demonstrates financial need and who intends to pursue a career in Obstetrics & Gynecology.

2014 recipient: Rebecca Adler

Alumni Scholars
The Medical Alumni Foundation supports full or partial tuition payments for outstanding medical students identified by the Admissions Committee.

Oluwafisayo Adekeye
Kevin Bampoe
Naomie Delone
Lingyun Du
Justin Faulkner
Aluko Gift
Ashlee Noell Green
Oneica Hannibal
Rachel Kopicki
Valerie Kyser
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